

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information providing system comprising a parts information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said parts information providing system comprises:

a parts database storing parts information;
first designating means for designating parts; and
first display control means for searching said database for parts information corresponding to the parts designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprising:

a price database storing price information about parts and/or products transacted among a plurality of bases;

second designating means for designating parts and/or products; and

second display control means for displaying price information about the parts and/or products designated by said second designating means on the display means.

2. An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases

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about the parts and/or products transacted among the plurality of bases on said display means.

3. An information providing system according to
5 claim 2, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for
displaying information as to whether or not there is a
price of parts and/or a product transacted among the
10 plurality of bases higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

4. An information providing system according to
claim 1, wherein said price information providing
15 system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information
at other bases about the parts and/or products
transacted among the plurality of bases from said price
database.

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5. An information providing system according to
claim 1, wherein said price information providing
system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information
25 about cost cutting information to said price database.

6. An information providing system comprising a

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material information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said material information providing system comprises:

a material database storing material information;

5 first designating means for designating materials;
and

first display control means for searching said material database for material information corresponding to the materials designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprises:

a price database storing price information about materials transacted among a plurality of bases;

15 second designating means for designating materials; and

second display control means for displaying the price information about the materials designated by said second designating means on the display means.

7. An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

25 price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the materials transacted among the plurality of

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bases on said display means.

8. An information providing system according to claim 7, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of a material transacted among the plurality of bases higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

9. An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the materials transacted among the plurality of bases from said price database.

10. An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

11. An information providing system comprising a parts number information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said parts number

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FOOTNOTES

information providing system comprises:

a first database storing purchase record information, and unit price history information and/or order schedule information;

5 first designating means for designating parts number; and

first display control means for searching said first database for purchase record information, and unit price history information and/or order schedule
10 information corresponding to the parts number designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprises:

15 a price database storing price information about parts, products, and/or materials transacted among a plurality of bases;

second designating means for designating parts, products and/or materials, and

20 second display control means for displaying the price information about the parts, products and/or materials designated by said second designating means on the display means.

25 12. An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

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cost cutting input means for inputting information
about cost cutting information to said price database.

5 a first database storing parts information,
product information, material information, purchase
record information, unit price history information
and/or order schedule information;

first display control means for searching the database for parts information, product information, material information, purchase record information, unit price history information and/or order schedule information corresponding to the parts, products, materials and/or parts numbers designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

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a supplier database storing information about
suppliers;

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25 second display control means for displaying
information about the suppliers designated by said
second designating means on the display means.

17. An information providing system according to claim 16, wherein said supplier information providing system further comprises:

5 a map database storing said suppliers and map information linked with each other; and

said second display control means displays the information about the suppliers designated by said second designating means with map information on said display means.

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18. An information providing system according to claim 16, wherein said supplier information providing system further comprises:

15 a record database storing transaction records with said suppliers; and

said second display control means displays the transaction records as information about the suppliers designated by said second designating means on said display means.

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19. An information providing system according to claim 16, wherein said supplier information providing system further comprises:

25 an evaluation database storing information about evaluation of said suppliers; and

said second display control means displays evaluation information as information about suppliers

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designated by said second designating means on said display means.

20. An information providing system, comprising a parts information providing system and a bulletin board information providing system, wherein said parts information providing system comprises:

a first database storing parts information, product information and/or material information;

first designating means for designating parts, products and/or materials; and

first display control means for searching said database for the parts information, product information and/or material information corresponding to the parts, products and/or materials designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said bulletin board information providing system comprises:

a relation database storing information about parts, products, and/or materials;

second designating means for designating parts, products, and/or materials; and

second display control means for displaying information about the parts, products, and/or materials designated by said second designating means on said display means.

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